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Attachments: [Robert.Neely.vcf](#)

For the record, I also support this request on behalf of NOAA.

Thanks,

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Humphrey.Chip@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

>Keith and Jim,
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>The Portland Harbor government team formally requests assistance from
>DEQ to have Bruce Hope work actively on and participate in the Portland
>Harbor food web modeling effort. The food web model is critical to
>conducting an effective risk assessment for the Portland Harbor remedial
>investigation and feasibility study; an essential ingredient to making
>sound cleanup decisions. It is also likely that the model developed for
>Portland Harbor will be useful for assessing bioaccumulation at other
>hazardous waste facilities along the Willamette River and within the
>State, and will greatly facilitate cleanup of sites where
>bioaccumulation assessment is slowing down the process. Presently, the
>government team has limited food web modeling expertise, and Bruce's
>knowledge, skills, experience and interest in food web modeling are
>greatly needed.
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>Specifically, the Portland Harbor government team needs Bruce to:
>· Collaborate with and provide direction to the Lower Willamette
>Group (LWG) in developing an effective food web model and structure for
>Portland Harbor.
>· Advise the government team on the various technical parameters
>that need to be used in an effective model, as well as specific data
>inputs that accurately represent the river's ecosystem, its physical
>variability, contaminant bioavailability, pathways, receptors and
>sources.
>· Analyze "runs" of the food web model for effectiveness on behalf
>of the government team and review modeling runs and analyses that the
>LWG produces.
>· Contribute to the development of clear direction from the
>government team to the LWG on the expected process and results of the
>food web modeling effort.
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>Requirements for Bruce's time may vary depending on the level of
>collaboration achieved with the LWG on developing an effective food web
>model. We estimate that 25% of Bruce's time is needed through November
>and December 2005, with some potential spill-over into January, during
>development and testing of the model, and 5 - 10% of his time will be
>needed through June 2006 during our refinement of the model.
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>Again, developing an effective food web model for the Portland Harbor
>RI/FS is essential to the project's success, and Bruce's involvement
>will fill a critical need for the government team. The Portland Harbor
>Technical Coordination Team supports this request, including the
>following key members:
>· Burt Shephard, EPA
>· Joe Goulet, EPA
>· Dana Davoli, EPA
>· Jeremy Buck, USFWS
>· Valerie Lee, EI, Common Consultant for six Tribal Governments
>· Chris Thompson, EI
>· Jennifer Peterson, DEQ
>· Mike Poulsen, DEQ
>· Mikell O'Mealy, DEQ
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>As Portland Harbor Project Managers, we ask you to approve this request
>by allowing Bruce to work on the project as described above. We
>appreciate your support.
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>Sincerely,
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>Eric and Chip
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